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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 17375

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TAGS: PDIP, UR, US
SUBJECT: KORNIYENKO ON THE SMITH ACCESS INCIDENT

REF: MOSCOW 17258 AND PREVIOUS

1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S JULY 25 CALL ON ACTING FOREIGN
MINISTER KORNIYENKO ON ANOTHER MATTER, AMBASSADOR RAISED
SMITH INCIDENT, UNDERSCORING THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH
HE VIEWED THE MISCONDUCT OF THE MILITIAMAN WHO ASSAULTED
SMITH AND VIOLATED EMBASSY EXTRA-TERRITORIALITY.

2. KORNIYENKO ATTEMPTED TO ARGUE THAT SMITH WAS AT
FAULT FOR REPEATEDLY STRIKING THE MILITIAMAN, WHEN ALL
THE LATTER DID WAS ASK SMITH WHO HE WAS. PERHAPS THE
MILITIAMAN WAS AT FAULT FOR NOT RECOGNIZING SMITH. BUT
KORNIYENKO INSISTED THAT SMITH'S BEHAVIOR DESERVED NOT
ONLY CONDEMNATION, BUT THE TAKING OF "APPROPRIATE
MEASURES" AGAINST SMITH.

3. AMBASSADOR TOOK SERIOUS EXCEPTION TO THE SOVIET
VERSION OF THE INCIDENT, OUTLINED THE ACTUAL FACTS, AND
REITERATED THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE US SIDE VIEWED
THIS MATTER. KORNIYENKO SAID WE HAD DIFFERENT VIEWS OF
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THIS INCIDENT; THE AMBASSADOR INDICATED THERE CERTAINLY
WAS NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT AND AGAIN REQUESTED KORNIYENKO
TO ENSURE PROPER MILITIA BEHAVIOR IN FUTURE. TOON

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